



## Backbone Mountain Youth Center (State-Operated)

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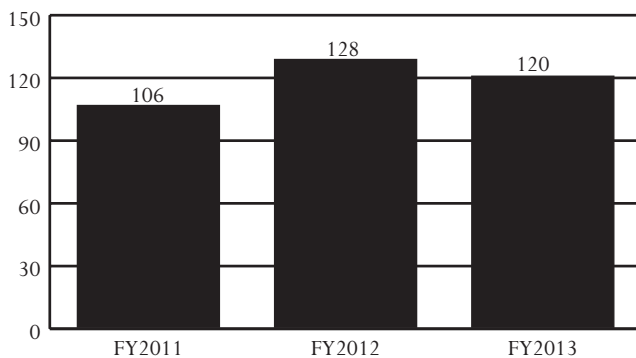
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Rated Capacity: 48 Males

The Youth Center opened in 1966 as a 35-bed forestry camp on Backbone Mountain in Garrett County with funds appropriated by the General Assembly and became a youth center in 1977. On June 26, 2013, the Maryland State Department of Education assumed responsibility for the educational program and began providing academic and vocational services. Previously, DJS had provided the educational program. The school offers a 12-month schedule with six hours of daily instruction five days a week in English, mathematics, science, social studies, health and life skills, and individualized programs to prepare students for the GED exam. The College Program is offered in conjunction with Garrett College of Maryland. Students are screened through a referral, record review, and interview for acceptance into the program. Selected students are admitted for one college semester while in the DJS's care and earn a Maryland High School Diploma as well as up to fifteen college credits. Youth receive individual and group substance abuse interventions, individual therapy/counseling, and psychiatric services. Backbone Mountain also implements CHALLENGE, a behavioral management program that establishes structure for an environment of respect and fairness conducive to treatment and rehabilitation.

### PLACEMENTS, FY 2011-2013



### PLACEMENTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2011-2013

Demographics	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	81.1%	83.6%	76.7%
White	11.3%	10.2%	14.2%
Hispanic/Other	7.5%	6.2%	9.2%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Age</b>			
11 and under	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
12	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
13	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
14	0.9%	4.7%	9.2%
15	13.2%	14.8%	16.7%
16	25.5%	28.9%	23.3%
17	37.7%	36.7%	39.2%
18-20	21.7%	14.8%	10.8%
Error/Missing	0.9%	0.0%	0.8%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>120</b>

#### • Placement Trends:

- Placements increased 13.2% between FY 2011 and FY 2013 and decreased 6.3% between FY 2012 and FY 2013.

#### • Region of Residence (FY 2013):

- 30.0% were from the Metro Region, 22.5% were from Baltimore City, and 18.3% were from the Southern Region.
- Of those from Out-of-State, 25.0% were from each of the following: Washington D.C., Mississippi, Pennsylvania, & Virginia.

#### • Offense Type (FY 2013):

- The most common offense type for juveniles placed in FY 2013 was Second Degree Assault (15.8%).

#### • Offense Category (FY 2013):

- The two most common offense categories were Misdemeanor Property offenses (27.5%) and Misdemeanor Person-to-Person offenses (21.7%).
- See the Terms and Concepts section for an explanation of felony and misdemeanor as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.

#### • Average Length of Stay:

- The average LOS decreased 23.7% between FY 2011 and FY 2013, and decreased 11.5% between FY 2012 and FY 2013.

#### • Average Daily Population:

- ADP decreased 11.3% between FY 2011 and FY 2013, and decreased 10.4% between FY 2012 and FY 2013.

#### • Completion Status:

- 52.9% of releases in FY 2013 were considered successful.
- 7.4% of FY 2013 releases were considered unsuccessful.
- 37.5% of releases in FY 2013 were transferred to another program.

#### • Utilization Rate:

- Backbone Mountain's utilization rate for FY 2013 was 87.9% (based on the facility's rated capacity).



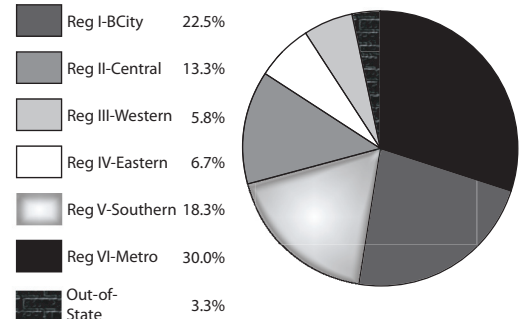
## PLACEMENTS BY OFFENSE, FY 2013

Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	FY 2013
Offense Type	
Arson	0.0%
Auto Theft/Unauthorized Use	3.3%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	9.2%
Carjacking	0.0%
Conspiracy to Commit Offense	5.8%
Deadly Weapon	1.7%
Disturbing the Peace	5.0%
First Degree Assault	0.8%
Handgun Violation	0.8%
Malicious Destruction	4.2%
Manslaughter	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	0.8%
Murder	0.0%
Narcotics Distribution	6.7%
Narcotics Possession	9.2%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	1.7%
Resisting Arrest	0.8%
Robbery	15.0%
Second Degree Assault	15.8%
Sex Offense	0.0%
Theft Felony	0.0%
Theft Misdemeanor	13.3%
Trespassing	3.3%
Unspecified Misdemeanor	2.5%
Offense Category	
<b>Crimes of Violence Felony*</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
- Person-to-Person	0.0%
- Property	3.3%
- Drugs	6.7%
- Unspecified	6.7%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
- Person-to-Person	21.7%
- Property	27.5%
- Drugs	9.2%
- Unspecified	2.5%
<b>Traffic Offenses</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Status Offenses</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>120</b>

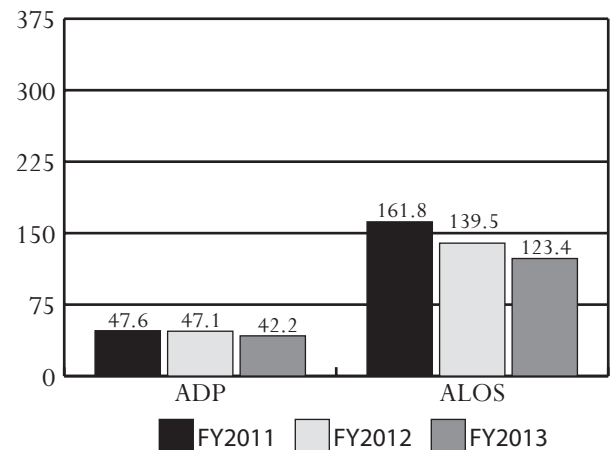
<sup>1</sup> Includes: Bomb Threat, Child Abuse, False Report, Reckless Endangerment, Tampering, and Status Offenses

\* See Appendix K for a description of Crimes of Violence

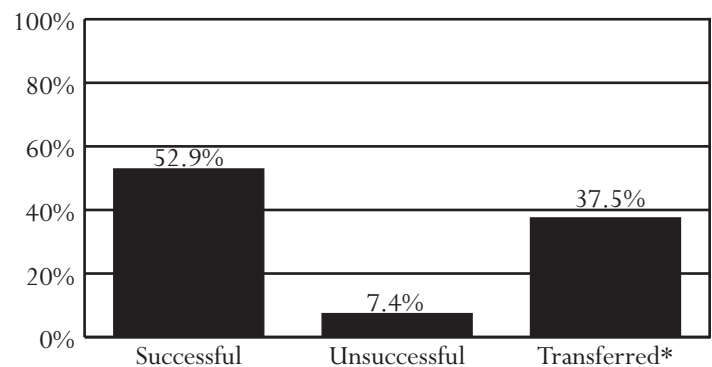
## PLACEMENTS BY REGION OF RESIDENCE, FY 2013



## AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, FY 2011-2013



## RELEASES BY COMPLETION STATUS<sup>1</sup>, FY 2013



<sup>1</sup> Percentages do not add to 100% as there are some releases for which the outcome is unknown due to data coding issues. Data issues are being addressed.

\* Juveniles transferred to another program

ASSIST is a live database; therefore, updates made subsequent to this data being run will not be included. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Data may not be comparable to previous Data Resource Guides due to methodology changes. VOPs are categorized by the original offense.